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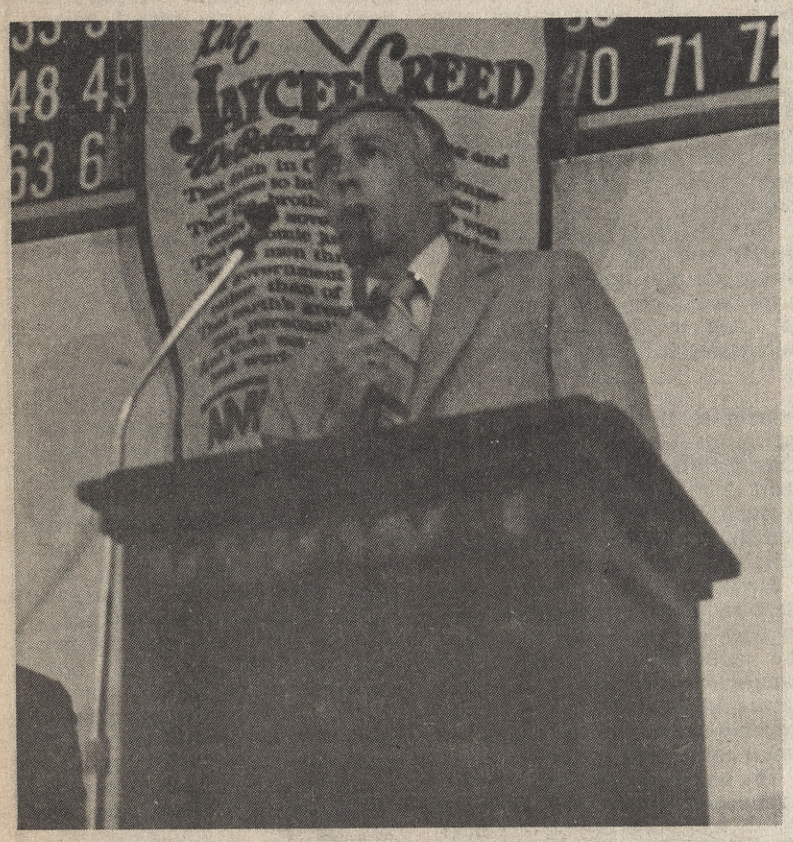
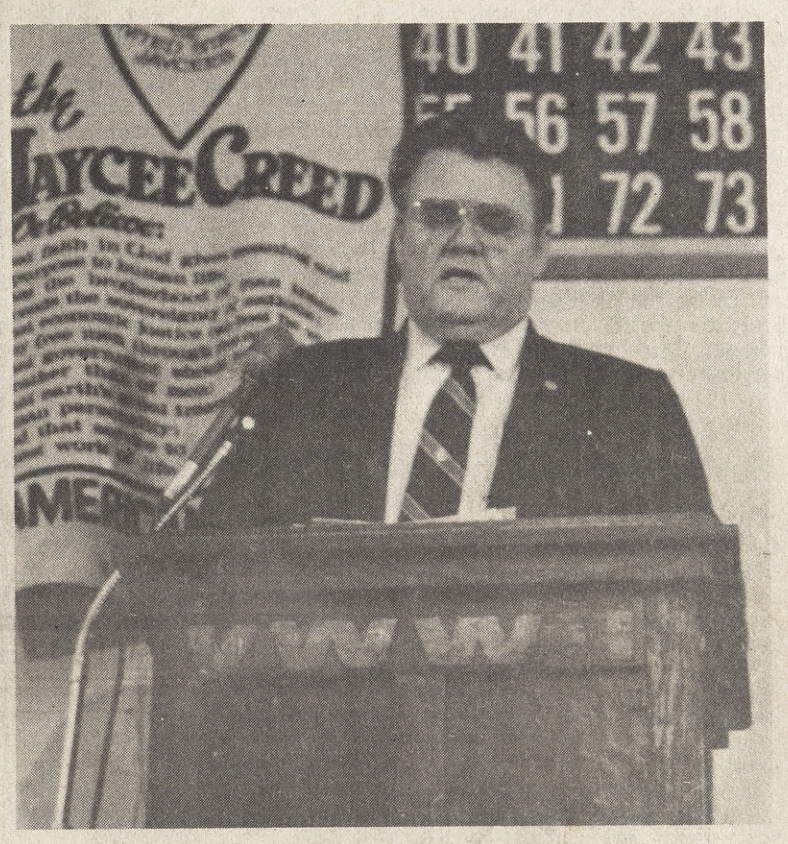


Candidate Robbie Waters Photo by James Quast

Sheriff's Candidates Hold Debate

by Stan Hadden



Now existing Sheriff Duane Lowe. Photo by James Quast

The opening salvo of the runoff election took place between Sheriff Duane Lowe and challenger Police Lt. Robbie Waters last month. A debate arranged by the American River Jaycees took place at the VFW Hall on Stockton Blvd. before an audience of over 100 people. Supporters for each candidate were very vocal throughout the evening, applauding, laughing, hissing and booing. Approximately 15% of the audience were members of Sacramento's lesbian and gay community.

In his opening remarks, Waters stated that the sheriff's department faced problems from a lack of leadership, not from a lack of money. He charged Sheriff Lowe with ineffective and inefficient fiscal management and outlined a plan to move sworn sheriff deputies from behind desks into the streets to combat Sacramento's crime problem.

Following their opening remarks the candidates responded to questions from a panel of three local reporters. Waters and Lowe traded insults and disagreed about crime statistics and budget figures. Waters stated that Lowe had done a good job for his first six years as sheriff, but that new people and innovative ideas were now needed in the sheriff's department.

Late in the evening the candidates responded to questions written out by members of the audience. When the moderator questioned Sheriff Lowe regarding his position on gays on the sheriff's department, Lowe responded that his position "is the same today as it was a few years ago. I will not actively recruit gay people to the sheriff's department." Lowe informed the audience that Waters was courting the gay vote, and would in fact be receiving money from gay bars and the people who frequent those bars. Lowe also stated that gay power belonged in San Francisco, not in Sacramento.

Waters countered by stating that Sheriff Lowe did not want to step out of the '70s and into the 1980s where he belongs. Waters also said that he would not actively recruit gay people to the sheriff's department, but went on to say that gay people were citizens and taxpayers, and had the same rights as other county residents. Waters repeated his pledge to maintain an open door policy towards lesbians and gays, and to be more sensitive to the needs of all citizens of the county. ■

VOTE!

Gay Teacher Triumphs Over Briggs

SAN FRANCISCO — A gay school teacher has won a $10,000 judgment from former California State Senator John Briggs. Larry Berner, a Healdsburg, California teacher represented by Gay Rights Advocates and Heller, Ehrmann, White & McAuliffe, filed suite for libel and invasion of privacy against Briggs for remarks he made during the Proposition Six Campaign in 1978.

Proposition Six, which was rejected by California voters by a 5 · 3 margin, would have made it illegal for gays or lesbians to be teachers in California. During the campaign Briggs and the "Save Our Children" group singled out Berner for ridicule.

Berner said he particularly resented attempts during the campaign to portray him as a child molester who was unfit to teach because he is gay and that he now feels totally vindicated.

"This case will set an important precedent," said Leonard Graff, GRA's Legal Director, "that gay people will no longer tolerate this behavior by politicians. We will not hesitate to use the courts to protect ourselves from this type of vicious slander. ■

Quaker Lesbian Conference to be Held in November

The 4th Annual West Coast Quaker Lesbian Conference will be held November 5-7 at the Quaker Conference Center in Ben Lomond, CA. There is a sliding scale fee of $35-$40. For further information, write Q.L.C., 984-B Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. ■

Lesbian/Gay March Date Set

A second March in Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and a national lesbian/gay strategy conference has been scheduled April 23-27, 1983. The newly formed National Activists' Union of Gay and Lesbians (NAUGL) is planning the march and conference to stimulate grassroots community organizing and bring three demands to the nation's capitol: the passage of a comprehensive Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, the defeat of the "Family Protection Act," and the reversal of anti-gay/lesbian immigration policies. For information, Kirk Baxter, (602) 957-1663 (h), (602) 254-4179 (w). ■

Philadelphia Passes Gay Rights Law

The Philadelphia City Council voted August 5 to make it illegal to discriminate against lebians and gay men. The Council voted 13-2 to amend the city's Fair Practices Code to ban anti-gay bias in housing, employment and public accommodations.

Gay activists, after trying unsuccessfully for years to pass such an ordinance in their city, joyfully toasted the victory with champagne outside the Council chambers, while Christian Fundamentalist foes vowed revenge at the polls in the next election. Fundamentalist Christians, along with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, had opposed the measure. The Archdiocese said it neded more time to study the ordinance before it could support it. ■

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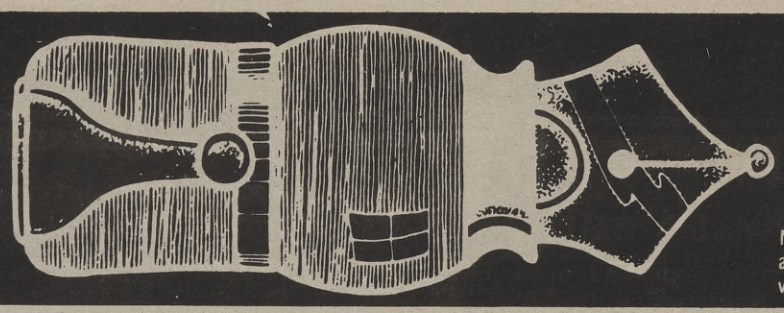

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Gay People Rude at Sheriffs Debates

Dear Editor:

I was pleased with the large turn out from the lesbian and gay community at the Lowe/Waters debate on Sept. 8th. I was there to hear the candidates debate and outline their qualifications for the office of sheriff, and to support Robbie Waters.

A few individuals from the gay community demonstrated their complete lack of courtesy and self control by hurling insults at Lowe and calling for his resignation each time the sheriff stepped to the podium. The sheriff and everyone else heard you the first time.

After the sheriff's remark about gay power and gay politics belonging in San Francisco, I joined many others in a hearty Boo-Hiss that made the sheriff and the audience turn around and look in our direction. They realized that a lot of gay and lesbian people were present, and perhaps the sheriff got the idea that he was wrong.

It is too bad that the constant barrage of senseless catcalls did not reflect only on the individuals creating the disturbance. The lack of consideration of a few reflected poorly on us all.

Stan Hadden

Health Warnings Sounded

Dear Editor:

The gay and lesbian community should be aware of a few misleading advertising claims aimed at getting their health dollars.

First, Herpes Virax is being promoted as "the new drug you've been hearing about" and to be "guaranteed effective." It is neither.

Note, Zovirax or Acyclovir by Burroughs-Wellcome is instead the new herpes medication that has been shown to be effective in an underlying initial case of herpes. It is by prescription only and has limited indications. This is the only objectively proven therapy in the medical journals at present.

The false claims of "proven effectiveness" and promised relief by **progressive bio-research labs** is yet another sham to get your health dollar. The "Whole Life Times" who Virax Lab quotes is **not** a reputable scientific medical journal. The statement "Herpes Virax is an 'official U.S. drug' could also be said about alcohol or marijuana which are also 'official U.S. drugs.' "

Save your $15.00; you might as well put Crisco on your herpes.

Turning attention to another confusing issue: Hepatitis screening. At present free hepatitis screen is **not** available in Sacramento but can be obtained instead in San Francisco from Serex International, 130 Church Street, across from Safeway on Market (552-5490).

The plasmapharesis center that advertises in this paper deliberately misled the gay community into thinking they would offer screening for hepatitis B antibody free-of-charge. Instead, after personally drawing 39 samples from active gay men for Nor Cal Biologics, it turned out the lab they use is unlicensed. Furthermore, they seem interested only in seeking out individuals with high viral particle counts and not even making them aware of carrier states or immune status.

The Sacto Hepatitis B Project is working on alternative low-cost screening. Until then, either use Kaiser, private labs (about $30) or go to San Francisco for the immune screening to see if you need the new vaccine for hepatitis B that is now available. Also, they will inform you if you are among the estimated 1,000,000 hepititis B carriers in the United States.

By the way, the three shot series wholesales from Merck, Sharp & Dohme for $98.50. Some gay physicians in Southern California are charging as much as $200 for the three shot series. Using the known wholesale price as a guideline, you can call around to find out the least expensive vaccinator for your use.

Harvey E. Thompson, M.D. ■

Record Rentals Roundly Defended

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank Mr. James Fitzpatrick for his recent article (re: Record Rentals, September, 1982)...for the free advertising. For those music lovers who missed our ad in the August issue of MGW they apparently read your article. Our business from the gay community has increased significantly.

Although I really appreciate your efforts, your "review" was either misinformed or naive. You obviously believe the recording industry when they say home taping is the primary culprit in the decline of industry revenues and Record Rental Stores are the parasites. (Do you also believe in the tooth fairy?) Let's face it, my dear Jimmy, the primary culprit and parasite is the recording industry itself. High quality tapes last. The soft vinyl used in record pressing does not last. When people cannot get what they want they seek alternatives. Home taping is that alternative. If the recording industry, at the very least, produced a high quality, long lasting product at a reasonable price there would be no real need or market for Record Rental Stores.

One last point. You note that people who rent out records for a living use the argument "that it gives the consumer the opportunity to listen to the product before purchasing it." I do not use that argument. The only real argument is economics. Even **you** can save 75%. And do with the record what you want. Home taping? In the Store I don't advocate it. It is a violation of current copyright laws. Do people who rent our records break the law? Maybe and probably. In any case I haven't followed a customer home yet — not even the cute ones!...

But anyway, thanks again for your help. And keep up your defense of the poor recording industry. Even the guilty needs to be defended. The Record Rental Store? Well, maybe next week we'll be on channel 3 news.

Sincerely,
Rick Moran
Co-proprietor ■

...and Jim Fitzpatrick Replies

Well, Ricky, I can't way I'm surprised your business has improved since the article. I had, in fact expected it, since any amount of publicity is bound to improve sales. It's also nice to know my articles are being read. I had begun to wonder!

However, I don't feel I'm misinformed or naive. You say that the vinyl used in today's records doesn't last. However, a record that is not flawed during the pressing or cooling process will last indefinitely if cared for and played on proper equipment. A record that is flawed can be returned to most retail record stores, within a reasonable amount of time, for a complete refund or exchange. I certainly encourage this...

However, tapes don't last. Repeated playing causes most tapes to gradually erase themselves. And the sound quality is never fully comparable to records as it, by nature, requires one more taping step and (even in the best high bias tapes) consequently, distortion.

The answers? The record industry is certainly working on them. Plastic inner-sleeves now are helping to reduce scratches that paper sleeves often caused. Loose wrapping is now being used instead of the shrunk wrapping of the past to reduce the chance of warping. And within a few years, vinyl records will be obsolete, having been replaced by laser discs. These will provide the ultimate sound quality, with scratches, warpage and pops eliminated. This could also mean the end of record rental businesses, if your points are the only accurate ones. In the meantime, a law preventing the renting of records is a reasonable, justifiable protection of the artist, label and copyright 'aws. ■

Don't Be Misled

Dear Editor:

In a previous article concerning the Sacto Hepatitis B Project we reported that NorCal Biologics was doing screening for Hepatitis B. This is the company that advertises in *MGW* that they "need a few good arms." This is not correct.

Your readers should be aware that the blood sample drawn at NorCal is for the purpose of donating plasma. This **will not** provide them with information that would tell them they need to be vaccinated or are protected from contracting Hepatitis B. Nor would this tell if one was a chronic carrier.

The Sacto Hepatitis B Project is presently negotiating with various companies for low cost screening and this service should be available in the near future. In the meantime free screening is available from the Resource Foundation, 130 Church St., S.F. 864-0550. Some insurance companies cover the cost of screening and the vaccine. For particular information call 453-8995.

For further information on the Project or for a speaker at your next meeting call the Project. We also have some interesting volunteer positions if you would like to become involved.

Kenneth D. Brock
Project Coordinator ■

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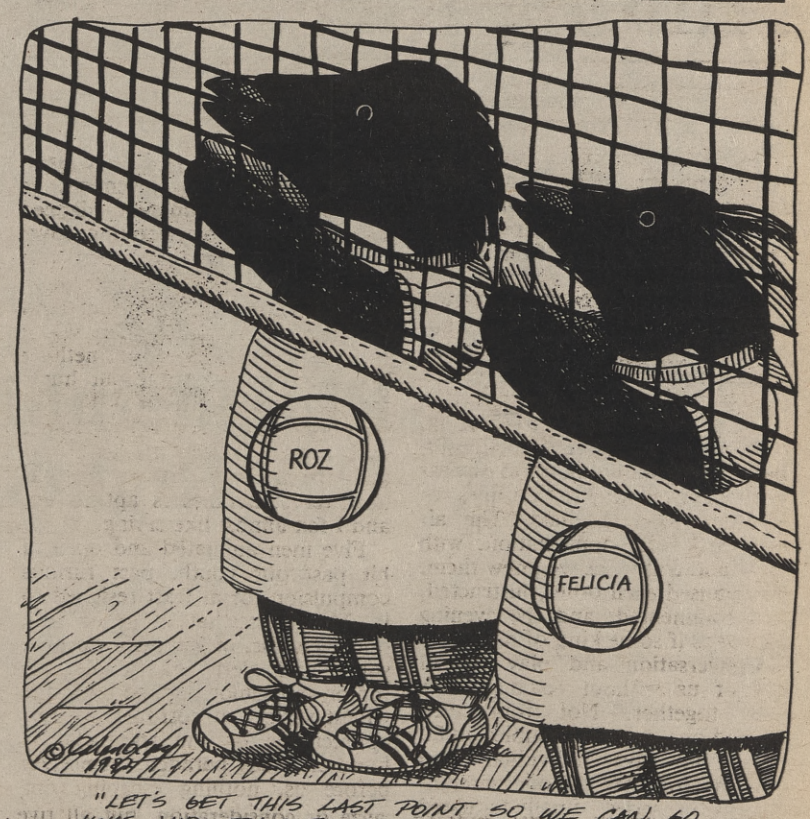
BY TOM CALENBERG



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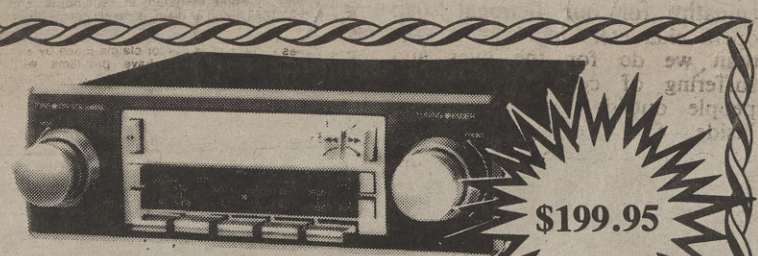

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From the Inside Out

Sacramento . . . Out of the Closet?

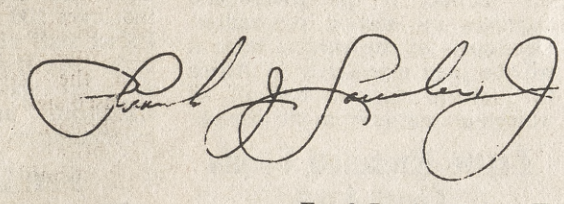
September 12 can long be remembered as a significant date for the Sacramento gay community. It was on this day that both *the Sacramento Bee* and *the Sacramento Union* broke with stories about the upward development of the gay community. It wasn't too long ago that the news media had very little interest in gay lifestyle, and, when they occasionally did run a "gay" story, it depicted a very negative view of gays in general. This led to an outcry from much of the gay community and attempts to educate the press on the realities of our lives. Results came in the Sept. 12th articles when the *Bee* and the *Union* actually competed to break the news about the positive growth of the Sacramento gay community.

Both newspapers sought out individuals who are active in various organizations, and professions as well as those who frequent local bars; almost every professional, social, religious, and political organization was mentioned. They looked at us as a diverse group of **individuals** who share some things in common, but, as with other community groups, who have many differences.

Much emphasis was placed in these articles on the downtown population of gay men and lesbians. Although it is true that there is a significant number of gays in that area, let us hope that non-gays do not misconstrue the facts and begin to believe that a "take-over" is in progress. Many gays who were interviewed expressed the belief that living in an area where people are "ghettoized" does not seem very appealing, nor does it lend itself to personal growth. We must live together as a "human" community rather than a gay community if we want the benefits that come from the acceptance of diversity.

Both periodicals discussed the role of the bar in gay life to some degree. Bill Lindelof, *Bee* staff writer, noted that "...just as in many heterosexual bars, it is a place to find sexual partners." This is undoubtedly true to some degree, although many gays and straights are looking more for loving companionship that a "sexual partner." Perhaps in a future story, the media will choose to feature couples and interview those who are seeking a relationship. That might have an impact on the stereotypical idea that gays are interested only in sex and exclude any kind of loving and caring relationship.

Now that the *Bee* and the *Union* have taken us "out of the closet," we need to pick up the ball and run. We have been given the perfect opportunity to continue to educate our non-gay acquaintances and co-workers about our not-so-unique lifestyle. We are very much like other Sacramentans in that we contribute in many positive ways to the Sacramento community. We have similar needs, and we meet these needs in much the same way as any other human being. Most importantly, we want to love and be loved.



Frank Lawler, Editor ■

The Humanist / Feminist Viewpoint

But Will It Win An Emmy?

by Jill Kelly

I have an idea that could revolutionize news coverage.

It came to me as I pondered the grief that was expressed by many Americans at the death of Princess Grace of Monaco. That same week the Middle East was erupting again, including the massacre of hundreds of innocent Palestinian men, women and children. The death of Princess Grace ought to have paled by comparison. But it didn't. What paled was the impact of the bloodshed in the Middle East.

Why? East: Because millions of Americans felt a personal relationship with Princess Grace, even though they had never met her. And as every newspaper editor knows, people like to read about — people care about — people they know. Or think they know.

It has nothing to do with the frivolity of the American spirit, or the callousness of our sensibilities. We aren't simply hardened to the cruel realities of that war — we just have no personal relationship with it. Unless you or I have a relative in the Middle East, or know someone who does, the "troubles" can only affect us in a generalized way.

Which brings me to my revolutionary idea about news coverage.

The news media approaches events in two ways: your basic "just the facts, ma'am" straight news report, or the human interest angle. The first emphasizes **what** happened; the second to **whom** and **why**.

American journalism has a history of turning people into events. In other words, the public, with the help of the media, latches on to "personalities" — chiefly entertainers, sports figures, political figures and even fictional folks (e.g. soap opera characters). We follow them avidly throughout the course of their lives, and after awhile we begin to feel as if we really know them. We develop opinions about their behavior, we write them fan letters, we name our children after them, we cut our hair and have our noses reshaped to look like them. (And some of us cross the line completely: consider John Hinkley.)

The result: a certain politician is elected not because of his stand on the issues, but because of his smile and his lovely wife. Polaroid sales jump because James Garner and Mariette Hartley are such down-to-earth, trustable folks. And when Princess Grace dies, many of us weep because we've known her so long; we attended her wedding, we've worred about her kids, and we've made her life our own fairy-tale come true.

So what I propose is this: to supplement world news reporting, television should use the personality approach. Let's take the plots and drama of real current events and reshape them into T.V. series that the average American can relate to. For example, how about a Northern Ireland version of "Hill Street Blues?" Or a Lebanese "M*A*S*H"? Let's put Charles Kuralt "On the Road in Poland." Or rewrite "The Waltons" Cambodian-style.

I would stay home Friday nights to watch "Buenos Aires" (a la "Dallas"). How about a 10-part Haitian "Roots"? Or "Upstairs/Downstairs" set in Calcutta?

I am being only partly facetious. Television has been touted as a powerful tool that can bring human beings closer together. But so far, we tend to feel more empathy for our fictional soap opera characters and movie stars than we do for the lives and suffering of countless unnamed people outside our borders (or inside, for that matter). News coverage featuring facts and figures, delivered by pompous newscasters in front of blurry long-shots of battlefields only serves to make celebrities of the newscasters. Unless we find some way to communicate the human stories behind the events — to feel personally connected to the people who are victims of the news — we might as well stick to soap operas. ■

A VIEW FROM HERE

Among Men, as Well

by Richard Gray

The other evening I found myself sitting at a sidewalk table sipping water with four men. Three of the men I knew and respected; the fourth was a man from out of town I was delighted to meet. The entire evening we wandered in and out of various establishments but found we preferred the outdoors, preferred the quiet, and despite the occasional addition or distraction of some other people passing by, preferred to enjoy our own company. All quite vocal, all in or near our work, our day-to-day lives, or all the aforementioned. The air was thick with appreciation, with ideas and truths, as we knew them. We amused each other, instructed, and commented; and the evening passed as if some kind of dream.

Conversation and play flowed out of us without coaxing. Five men together. Not four men around one, not two couples and a fifth, but five individual men brought together by odd circumstances in series, finally situated closely, entranced by ourselves and each other's company.

No alcohol, very little coarseness, no talk of achievement, or money. Our discussion danced from topic to topic, cooking, love, lingo, healing. This sweetness continued for hours, people stopping by or passing, then leaving. And for all of us, I believe, there was a rareness to the occasion, something alarmingly special. Without hunting, or planning, without the aid of phone agenda, we had found each other. For one moment I sat apart from the five of us there, as a writer sometimes is apt to do, and I felt almost like crying.

Five men animated and open, a bit past our youth, past furious compulsion, or at least resigned to it. Men somewhat at peace with our decisions, at war with no one, sober and alert. As people our junior and senior bopped by in the widest variety of costume, we sat, appreciative of the spectacle. A hundred ideas paraded themselves before us, nothing escaping our gaze or consideration, but all five of us sat, preferring our own.

For many years I was at odds with men, just with men in general. The idea of sitting socially with four men for an evening would have unnerved me. For many years I kept mainly the company of women. There were many reasons for this, only a few known to me, even now. A childhood of discord with my father, few boys in our neighborhood as we grew up, competition with a twin. Whatever the reasons, how sad for someone to feel alienated from a sex, particularly his or her own, but either, really.

A few nights later, during dinner, a woman friend reminded me of something I said to her as I was packing to move to this city. I had said that I was moving, in part, towards men. I only vaguely remember this, more the feeling than anything spoken.

I still, honoured, sit among women, and now among men as well.

(For Chuck, Mark, Bradley, and Bo.) ■

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News Clips

by Richard La Voie

Gay Cruisers Aid Police

Information supplied by London gay men may have helped English police solve the bombing which killed or wounded many musicians and bystanders in London's Regent's Park in July. The bombing, credited to a faction of the Irish Republican Army, took place in a park which is know as a gay cruising spot. Police asked London's "Gay News" to ask gays if any of them had seen any suspicious persons the day of the bombing. An anonymous gay man reported seeing a man and a woman leaving the park, and his description matched that of another witness. Police wanted "Gay News" to print a follow-up story praising gays for their help, but the paper said it could not for fear of IRA retaliation.

Effeminate Men Bring Rape Upon Themselves?

A recent federal survey on prison rape concludes that effeminate gay men are four times more likely to be rape victims than other men, and suggests that strong anti-gay prison moral standards might solve the problem. The survey implied that sex between men was a major cause of violence in prison and that a change in attitude by gays, rather than a change in rapists' attitude, would help the situation. The study suggested that an atmosphere of sexual repression and a "sense of sin" regarding homosexuality would ease rape in federal prisons.

Soldiers, University Test V.D. Vaccine

Preliminary tests have shown that a vaccine to combat gonorrhea, the most prevalent venereal disease in America, may be viable and available for distribution sometime next year, says the University of Pittsburg (PA). The vaccine appears to be effective against gonorrhea and penicillin-resistant "super gonorrhea." A similar vaccine has been proven effective against an organism which is mainly responsible for bacterial meningitis in children. Thousands of military volunteers are scheduled to participate in tests of the vaccine, if the government approves the testing procedures. Developers of the vaccine hope it will be used extensively in Africa first, where close to half of all women are sterile from the disease.

Little Richard Finds God And Heterosexuality

Rocker Little Richard recently confided to reporters that he is "no longer a homosexual." The flamboyant singer, who first reached prominence in the 1950's, has taken up the business of evangelism and hopes to marry and settle down with a woman.

Elizabeth, Maggie Clash Over Gay's Resignation

The icy relationship between England's Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher seems to have hit a new low over the resignation of Commander Michael Trestrail, Her Majesty's gay bodyguard. Thatcher was told to become "disengaged" from her everyday business to come to Buckingham Palace for a taste of royal pique. During the confrontation, through which Maggie was forced to stand, Elizabeth reportedly said Trestrail's gayness was well-known and accepted at the Palace, and that his loyalty and dedication were above reproach. The queen blames the government's mishandling of the situation for Trestrail's resignation.

Queen For A Gay

A staffer at Buckingham Palace was quoted as saying that Queen Elizabeth II prefers gay men as household employees because they are less likely to run off and get married and more likely to create strong ties with the Palace and the royal family, says a British scandal sheet, the "Sun." The article said that over 100 members out of the Palace staff of 300 are gay, which is the way Her Majesty prefers it. A royal spokesman called the statements "untrue," adding that he administers "300 angels."

Feminists Use Reaganomics, ERA To Attract Supporters

With an eye toward the 1984 elections, National Organization for Women president Eleanor Smeal last month announced a major recruitment drive for new members. Smeal cited Reaganomics and the death of the ERA as prime reasons why women will want to become more involved in politics by 1984. Recruitment ads, hoping to attract one million new members, will be appearing in newspapers and magazines nationwide. For more information, contact your local NOW chapter.

S.F. Considers State-Of-The-Art Marriage Ideas

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors may soon be considering a set of proposals to legally recognize the rights of non-married couples in the city. The drafts, prepared by openly-gay Supervisor Harry Britt, would allow non-married couples, gay or straight, to file an affidavit with the county clerk stating that they reside together, share common necessities of life, and are each other's sole domestic partner. The ordinances, if considered and adopted by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, would provide full city services to non-married lovers which are currently available only to married straights, including jail visits, eligibility for city housing, and sick and bereavement leave. The partnership could be dissolved by either partner by filing another statement with the Clerk, after which either party would have to wait six months before creating a new partnership.

Terrorists Claim Credit For Gay Press Burning

Posters proclaiming the formation of the "Werewolves," an ultra-right-wing terrorist group, have appeared in public placed in Boston recently and seem to take credit for the July fire which destroyed Boston's "Gay Community News" newspaper. The posters say the group is made up of Viet Nam Veterans who will use the latest high-tech weaponry and sophisticated guerrilla tactics to wipe out "filthy communists, socialists, draft resisters, feminists, gays, (Jews, interracial couples) and the rest of the scum of the earth," which includes students and reporters. A copy of the poster was given to Boston police, who have been unsuccessful in tracing its origins. The mystery of the arsonist-set fire at GCN headquarters is still unsolved.

Sodomy Law Bites Dust In Texas

A Texas law prohibiting homosexual conduct was struck down by a federal judge as unconstitutional August 17. Judge Jerry Buchmeyer said the statute violated right-to-privacy and equal protection clauses of the U.S. Constitution. The law, which applied only to gays, in 1973 replaced an earlier law which applied to both straights and gays. The ruling makes Texas the 26th state to be without a sodomy law.

Christians Back Junta With Private American Dollars

Guatemala's military junta has rejected U.S. economic and military aid in favor of the unconditional dollars of America's religious New Right. According to the "New York Times," Guatemala President General Efrain Rios Montt, a fundamentalist Christian, rejects any U.S. aid that is offered with any strings or conditions attached, and is listening instead to offers from the homophobic Christian Broadcasting Network of Virginia Beach, which says it will send missionaries and more than one billion dollars to help the right-wing regime. President Rios Montt has waged a bloody war against dissidents and political enemies since July 1, calling the state of seige "a God-given opportunity to find peace."

Rogers Offended By Effeminate Tag

Gentle children's TV biggie Fred Rogers, of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" on PBS, says he finds frequent assaults on his manhood to be quite offensive. In an interview with "Parents" magazine, Mr. Rogers said people complain that he is too gentle or effeminate to be a good role model for male children. "There's something in me that's able to accept a wide range of people," said Rogers in the interview. "I wonder what it is within other people that doesn't allow them to do that..." ■

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OPINION...OUR STAKE IN CITY HALL

by Lee Nichols

Sacramento's Mayor Phil Isenberg expects to have a new address after the November 2nd election. If the public opinion polls are accurate, he'll be moving from our gingerbread City Hall to the restored stated Capitol — from mayor to Assemblyman for the 10th district. His lead over Republican challenger Ingrid Azvedo, in a district hand-carved for him, makes an Isenberg victory one of the nearly "sure bets" in an otherwise unpredictable election year.

Isenberg's departure will uncork one of the liveliest City Hall battles in decades. At least three current council members are trying to line up enough votes from colleagues to be chosen to fill out Isenberg's unexpired term. And this is a battle of major concern to every lesbian and gay voter in Sacramento.

Front runner for appointment to the vacant Mayor's office is longtime Councilperson Anne Rudin, an early and outspoken opponent of the vicious Briggs initiative, a consistent leader in civil rights issues, a solid supporter of lesbian and gay rights and a friend of MGW.

Six months ago, when Isenberg announced his plans to run for the Assembly, Rudin looked like a shoo-in to replace him. But in politics, "shoo-ins" have a way of evaporating like delta fog in the mid-day sun.

Council newcomer Joe Serna, one time aide to controversial Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally, and sometime teacher at CSUS, decided that he wanted to be mayor and that his year on the City Council taught him everything he needed to know to take over Isenberg's job. Serna canvassed the Council for support and found that Vice Mayor Lynn Robie was a solid Rudin backer, Councilman Doug Pope had an eye on the job himself, and Lloyd Connelly, who is also running for the Assembly, was probably not going to vote on the question of who replaces Isenberg. That left Dave Shore, Terry Kastanis and Blaine Fisher. Fisher, it is believed, leans toward Rudin. Shore and Kastanis aren't talking.

Serna, who leaved political nose counting from his mentor Merv Dymally, concluded that he probably could not take the job away from Rudin, so he devised a novel scheme to spoil her chances for the job. Instead of picking one of their own, Serna argued that the Council should pick an "outsider" to serve out Isenberg's unexpired term. He look around for someone well known, and, most important of all, someone who would promise not to run for the full term when it comes up for election in 1983. He found his man: amiable former city councilman Burnett Miller. Miller, a wealthy lumber merchant, had left the Council when he discovered that he didn't like the work. He has recently been quoted as saying, "...there's not enough money in the world..." to pay him to serve a full term as mayor.

That served Serna's interests perfectly. Miller would throw a shoulder block to Anne Rudin, sit in the Mayor's office until 1983 and then step aside — leaving a clear path for Serna to vault from his one term on the Council right into the Mayor's office, on his way to bigger and better political jobs.

But the Serna scheme neglected to consider the strong reservoir of support Anne Rudin had built up among the people she's helped during her 11 years on the City Council.

Included among Rudin's backers, in addition to Vice Mayor Lynn Robie, are several of Serna's faculty colleagues from CSUS, a lot of well known Democrats — and nearly as many prominent Republicans — and some familiar names from the lesbian and gay community.

These friends have organized to help Anne. If they are successful, the lesbian and gay community will finally have a mayor who has demonstrated understanding, compassion and an ability to **win** human rights battles that affect us all.

Lavender Heights may not be part of Anne Rudin's official district, but lesbians and gays are her constituents, wherever we live. ■

Nationwide Lobby Reps Convene In Washington

The first annual convention of Gay Rights National Lobby's 150 Field Associates will be held in Washington, D.C. in November. The convention will offer Associates the opportunity to meet each other and to develop stronger ties to the nationwide lobby.

Field Associates are volunteers in areas across the country who coordinate a wide range of projects and activities in their home town, counties, states or regions. Field Association lobby their Congressional representatives, circulate petitions, organize mail drives, work with various other organizations to create coalitions and communications networks, collect information on discrimination against gays and operate info tables at community events.

The convention is planned to give Field Associates a chance to work more closely with GRNL by acquainting them with the Washington office and its staff and by sharing experiences in local organizing and lobbying. Also planned are numerous workshops and planning sessions, as well as a detailed analysis of the 1982 elections.

Alice Goodman, field Associate for GRNL in New Jersey, commented on some of the positive aspects of being a Field Associate. "(It) means knowing that the resources I need to organize locally will be provided," said Goodman. "GRNL provides up-to-date and accurate information on legislation, supplies helpful materials, and plugs me into a network that can generate quick and effective action." ■

Gay Legal Group Changes Name

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay Rights Advocates has announced that it has changed its name to National Gay Rights Advocates. The name change is intended to reflect the national scope of NGRA's litigation program. The name change will coincide with NGRA's Fall membership drive.

GRA was founded in San Francisco in 1977. It rapidly became a national force in the courts by taking on cases in many states.

Since NGRA does not accept legal fees from its clients, it is conducting a new membership drive. The New Right raises $1100 for every $1 raised by the gay movement, and for NGRA to continue to be an effective force in the courts, it must continue to grow and increase its financial base.

NGRA also encourages everyone to report acts of discrimination in their community to NGRA. Cases will be evaluated at NGRA and, if appropriate, taken to court. ■

Department of Energy Clarifies Policy on Gays

The Department of Energy has clarified its 'access authorization' policy regarding homosexuals and, despite previous reports, the new policy does not exclude gay men and lesbians from security clearance.

Mel Boozer, Director of the National Gay Task Force's Washington D.C. office, states, "The rationale of the security clearance policy is that the Department of Energy wants to see if homosexuality has any bearing on a person's ability to protect the national security. But homosexuality **per se** will not be a factor for denial of clearance for an openly gay person. The new D.O.E. regulation denies clearance to classified documents and security information only for those people who have knowingly and actively tired to hide their sexual orientation. It in effect encourages openness."

This rationale would also apply to heterosexuals, who might be furtively concealing an extramarital affair from a husband or wife, and therefore be subject to a "compromise of integrity." ■

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Green Thumbin'

Plant A Miracle

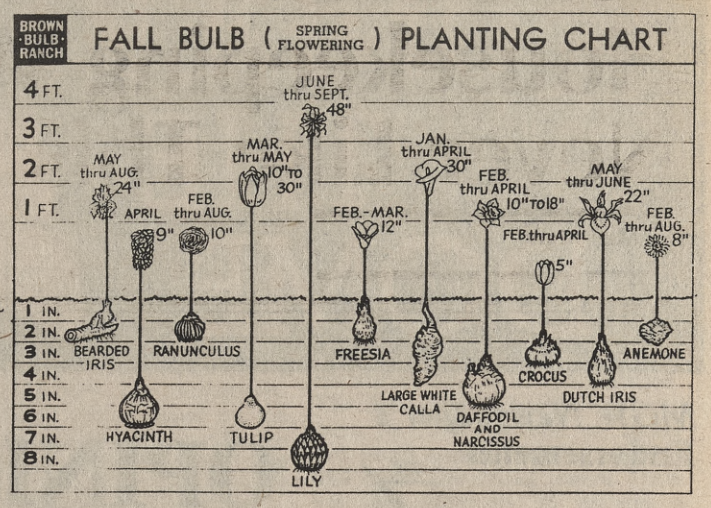
by David W. Black

The turning of the seasons is one of the world's great miracles. The growth of a flower is a humble yet marvelous aspect of that miracle. Planting spring flowering bulbs in the fall and seeing them burst forth into glorious life in the spring is an experience both immediately beautiful and very ancient. Now is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs, if you wish to experience the miracle for yourself.

Planting a spring bulb garden is simple. First, select good quality bulbs from your local nursery. Choose only those bulbs that are solid, firm, and free from scars or wounds. The variety of bulbs ready to plan includes tulips, daffodils, crocus, hyacinth, anemone, narcissus, ranunculus, freesia, and bulbous iris. If these varieties fall short of your needs, then make room for Lycoris, Ixia, Sparaxis, Scilla, Allium, Colchicum, Frittilaria, Muscari, and Watsonia.

Plant the bulbs immediately. If this is not possible, keep the bulbs in a cool, dry place until you are ready to plant. (Tulips, hyacinths, and crocus bloom best if refrigerated at 40-50 degrees F for 4 to 6 weeks. Plant the same day taken out).

Planning the look of your garden's miracle is a creative experience. For instance, you might plant tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths in clusters of 10 or more bulbs. A lavish effect with smaller bulbs results when planted in close groupings of 25 or more. Fall bulbs can be planted anywhere, in sun or shade, along borders or terraces, around a fence or tree, even scattered at random.



SOIL PREPARATION: Prepare bed or area by spading soil. Good drainage is important. In heavy soils work in sand or peat. Adding bulb fertilizer or bone meal is recommended.

PLANTING: Set bulbs on top of soil for desired spacing. With trowel or bulb planter, dig hole to depth as indicated on chart. Set bulbs, fill hole to soil level. Water thoroughly and during growing period. Normal winter rains and snow will provide necessary moisture in most areas.

SUGGESTIONS: • Fall planted bulbs provide color February-June. • Try Tuplips, Daffodils, Hyacinth, Crocus in container plantings. Perfect for patios and mobile color anywhere in the garden. • For indoor winter color Pot Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinth and Crocus. Bring indoors at blooming. • Spring blooming bulbs like sun. • After blooming allow green foilage to dry before removing. This provides nourishment for next year's growth.

Bulbs already contain their first season's food supply. Fertilizing is recommended only to foster future growth. Choose a high phosphorus and potash mix, bonemeal, or a good all-purpose fertilizer. Work one of these fertilizers into the soil during the fall planting season to nourish bulbs for subsequent years. Fertilizing is recommended again when spring shoots appear.

There are two approaches to planting. The easier way is to dig out an area large enough for an entire cluster of bulbs. The other approach is to dig separate holes for each bulb. The diagram on this page illustrates the planting depth for most bulb varieties. Bulbs should be spaced the same distance apart as the planting depth (as a general rule of thumb).

A thorough watering should follow the planting. Bulbs need this soaking to begin early root formation vital to good spring bloom. Mother Nature should take care of the rest. However, during a long dry spell be sure to water your bulbs to replenish lost moisture.

In the spring, after the bulbs are through blooming, remove the old flowers. Otherwise, they will rob food needed to form a new bulb next season. Do not cut green foliage until it has withered and turned yellow. (The leaves convert the sun's energy into food for next year's bloom.) Then the bulbs can be lifted and stored in a cool dry spot until next fall. Be sure to treat the stored bulbs with a bulb dust.

Thin camellis buds now for bigger and better blooms later on.

Don't miss out on winter color — plant violas, pansies, stock, snaps, primrose, cyclamen, and Iceland poppy.

Garden cleanup starts in October. Be sure to rake up any and all fallen leaves, fruits, and twigs. Start a compost pile with your garden debris. Discard or destroy any garden refuse that might be harboring overwintering diseases and pests.

Gladiolas are ready to lift when the tops have yellowed and started to brown. Cut the stalks off about one inch above the corm and dust with an insecticide to prevent that ever troublesome thrip from doing damage. Store the corms in a cool dry place.

Fall is the best time to plant deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covers. By planting now, you will get a jump on those planted in the spring. Despite minimal or lack of topgrowth in the winter, the roots underground continue to grow. Come spring, your plants will be ready to take off.

Begin the winter feeding of Camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons, citrus, and other evergreen spring flowering trees and shrubs with 0-10-10 fertilizer. This fertilizer formula contains phosphorus and potassium. When used on plants during the fall and winter months, it helps to build stronger roots, stems, and flower buds. It also helps to protect plants from winter disease and cold, damp weather. ■

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Fern Grove: Housekeeping Was Never Like This

by Mary Kurz

Fern Grove describes its accommodations as "housekeeping" units, but housekeeping was never like this! Keeping house at Fern Grove means staying in a cozy, neatly appointed cabin with a kitchen or kitchenette close to the heart of Guerneville and its many gay/gay oriented establishments. Several of Fern Grove's cabins have fireplaces, which makes them so appealing that it takes some coaxing to get out to the Russian River area's other attractions.

In fact, a stay at a Fern Grove cabin offers the vacationer a full range of activities. In addition to a warm, private, quiet cabin to stay in, Fern Grove offers a pool and the beauty of its setting in the midst of the redwoods. It also offers opportunities to party nearby. With Drum's a short walk away, Fife's right across the street, and the town of Guerneville within easy walking distance, recreational and social opportunities are plentiful and readily accessible.

But Fern Grove's ultimate appeal likes in the tranquil experience that if offers its guests. It's a "lover's hideaway" with cabins tucked away in an idyllic setting that nutures relationships. Owners Jay Milo and Bob Leech take pride in the appealing and restful accommodations they provide. Parties can be found nearby; peace and love can be found at Fern Grove.

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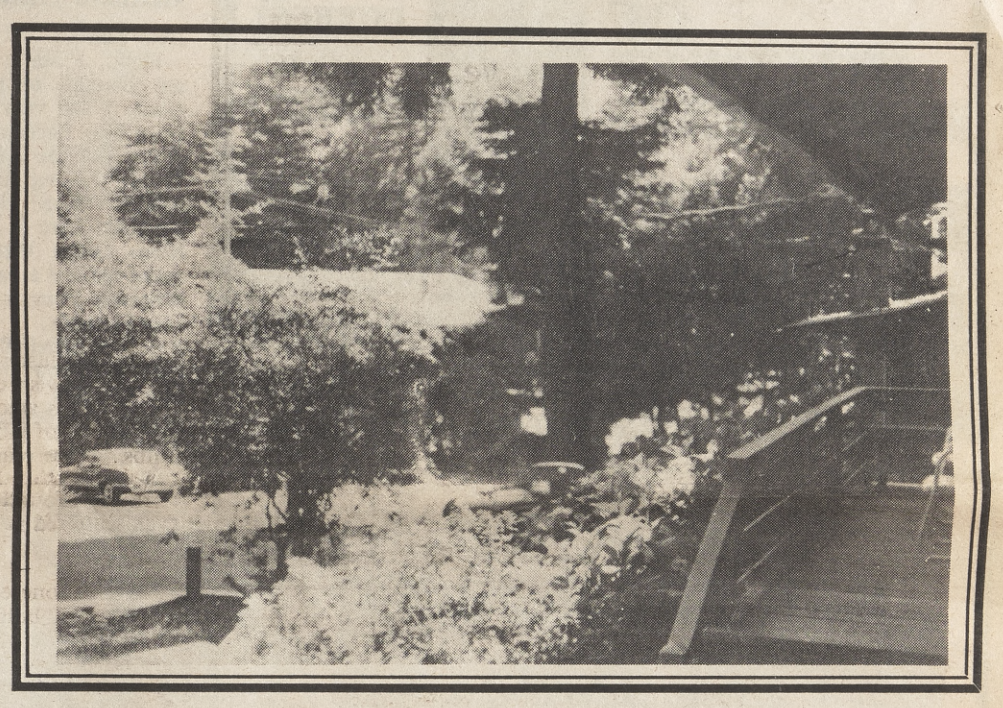

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Dear Editor:

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When my spouse and I were considering where to stay in S.F. during our first wedding anniversary weekend, we were at a loss. The problem was, as we looked through numerous gay periodicals, (we wanted) not just a place to stay that was all gay, there are plenty of those in the City, but someplace that would be happy to have women stay there.

Well, we found a small ad that offered just what we were looking for. "The Bay Brick Inn" not only welcomes women; it is owned and operated by women, for women.

It is an old, nicely renovated hotel right downtown. We were pleasantly greeted by friendly faces and fresh flowers in our room. The weekend we were there was not only special for us, it was their Grand Opening, so everyone was celebrating!

We spent an enjoyable evening in their bar and then turned in leaving a 10 a.m. wake up call. We were greeted the next morning with "Happy Anniversary" and a lovely breakfast in bed.

Well, we had a wonderful weekend and will be excited to stay at "The Bay Brick Inn" again, when we visit S.F. Their ad expresses the thought "We think it's about time." Well so do we!

Sincerely,
Victoria R. Montgomery ■

Kinship with *MGW* Article

Dear Editor:

Your article on S.D.A. Kinship is marvelous. The reception has been beyond belief! There are now copies from coast to coast. At least copy has made its way to each of the following: Australia, Colorado, New York, Maryland, Nevada, Washington, Washington D.C., Oregon and to every corner of California from Redding to San Diego!

The boost this article has given to Kinship is beyond comprehension.

The prospects of new members is gratifying as shown by attendance at our September 11th potluck and meeting.

We anticipate quite an extensive flow of new interest... We just received a call from Washington, D.C. It was a member of the clergy praising the article.

Thank you so very much for your excellent article.

Ira
S.D.A. Kinship
Sacramento ■

Inmate Shares World

Dear Editor:

Hello, I am a Gay Prisoner. I am currently on total cell confinement. I am very lonely for news from Gay Sacramento. Could you please put me on the **Mom Guess What!** mailing list so that I may receive Mom Guess What! My situation here is very lonely, and Mom Guess What! would really make me feel a part of my world.

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Readers Cite Reasons To Vote Robbie Waters for Sheriff

Dear Editor:

With the November 2nd election upon us, the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian community has the opportunity to make a visible impact as to the outcome of one very important race. That is the Sacramento County Sheriff's race.

This election is our opportunity to unseat a sheriff who has openly made statements against our community. His own actions have proved he sees gay and lesbians as less than human.

David Lowe has said,

"Absolutely, unequivocally, under no circumstances ever will I hire one (gay) unless ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court — because that's just how far I would take it."

"If ever I had to call for the services of a policeman, I wouldn't expect the sheriff or the police chief to send out a queer."

On September 8th, 1982 at the VFW Hall during a debate between Duane Lowe and Robbie Waters, a question was asked in regards to the Gay community. Again Lowe reinforced his homophobic attitudes. He made accusations of Robbie Waters courting the Gay vote. Waters responded by saying, "They are citizens like anyone. I'm courting every voter in the county, whatever their sexual preference."

It is time that Sacramento has responsible and fairminded leadership in the sheriff's department. Your vote for Robbie Waters on November 2nd will help create that change. Be responsible for your future.

Kathy Gage
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Women's Lecture Series to Feature Ellen Goodman

FOCUS 5, the feminist lecture series sponsored by the Sacramento Area Chapter of the National Organization for Women, will begin its fifth year on Saturday, September 18 with **Carol Bruch**, professor of law at UC Davis has entitled her presentation, "Of Work, Family Wealth and Equality."

Subsequent lectures in the series include: **Del Martin**, author of *Battered Wives*, speaking on "The Battle of the Sexes: It's Time We Called a Truce" on Saturday, October 2; **Ellen Goodman**, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the *Boston Globe*, speaking on "Can We Have it **All**?" on Friday, November 12; and **Sheila Levrant de Bretteville**, artist and founding mother of the Los Angeles Woman's Building, addressing the topic "Feminism, Art and Private Enterprise" on December 4.

With the exception of Ellen Goodman, all FOCUS 5 lectures will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Redwood Room in the University Union in California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Goodman's presentation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Yolo Room at the Sacramento Community/Convention Center at 13th and K. This lecture is co-sponsored by *The Sacramento Bee*, which carries Goodman's columns, and Sacramento Savings and Loan.

Both lecture locations are wheelchair accessible and all lectures will be signed for the hearing impaired. Tickets for the complete series are available for $20 from FOCUS 5, P.O. Box 1404, Sacramento, CA 95807, or call 443-3470. ■

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Music Reviews

Puccini Amid Earthquakes

by Giorgio Cerva-Vespa

On the Richter scale it registered a ten-plus as Puccini revolved in his grave. MADAME BUTTERFLY was on the boards in Bear Valley. This was an event which had attracted a great deal of attention. The Sacramento Opera Association sent a but, and the tickets were gone two weeks in advance of the actual performance, so that the management had to add about 300 extra seats, and even the dress rehearsal was invaded by a non-paying crowd which braved the rain to witness the singers marking at 9 p.m. and the tenor swearing at the conductor and disappearing into the woods. Joy and sunshine all around thus portended success for the evening...or, what did you say, Giacomo?

It was a peculiar mixture of reasons for anticipation and reasons for angry disappointment. The performance was sold out because the opera is popular, the locale is good, and the cast was strong. Jacqueline Victorino, as Butterfly, is right for the part vocally and visually. She is a studied artist who works steadily and performs well. She succeeded very well, despite the rain and the conductor (of which more later). Gwendolyn Jones, of the San Francisco Opera and others, was striking on stage and sang beautifully. The potential for a magnificent Flower Duet was high. Handsome, young, and vocally wonderful, Gregory Kunde was everyone's dream Pinkerton. Milton Friesen as Sharpless acted well and sang his best with a voice not quite in the same category as the others. What he has he uses sympathetically, and his stage experience stood him well. David Duret, a San Francisco singer and accomplished Goro, was just right. The smaller roles were also filled from strength, calling upon the services of experienced players such as Sandra Lowe, George Buckbee, and a charming chorus of lovely ladies and able gentlemen.

The entire Japanese jig seen through Italian pasta was beautifully set by Bruce Parker and costumed richly by John Osborne. Robert Hoffman lit the production amazingly well with small resources. The production was efficiently staged by George Buckbee, with musical preparation by Jeff Troxler and Roy Sanchez. Jesse Villa-Lobos made faces up to appear Japanese, and Deanna Stone stole the show in spots as a charming illegitimate child.

What then was the problem? Why did our Giacomo revolve so threateningly in his grave?

All of the credit lies at the feet of the conductor, if that is the right word to use of a man who really only hoed peas all evening. John Gosling, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Music From Bear Valley events, may be an artistic director, but a conductor he is not. As one of the leading male singers said: It is rare when I sing an opera and know the score better than the conductor. The performance was saved by the concertmaster, Werner Lywen. When tempi were not abominably slow, they were laughably fast. The orchestra was sometimes a whole measure in disagreement. Nothing the singers did or wanted registered on this conductor. Had this performance occured in Parma, Mr. Gosling would have fled for his life. It's all such a terrible waste.

Everyone spent about two weeks, night and day, preparing this production. John Gosling ruined it all in one fell swoop. That takes real talent! ■

A Classic Party to Benefit our Classical Music Station

Sacramento's non-profit classical music station, KXPR-FM, is faced with a bill of nearly $100,000 to relocate its transmitter.

The Community Advisory Board of KXPR, in cooperation with the merchants of University Village—Howe Avenue at Fair Oaks—is hosting **The Classic Party** and auction to help raise funds.

The Classic Party and auction will be held at University Village on Thursday, October 14th at 7 p.m.

Over $175,000 worth of items have been made available for auction at the event. Most of the items are being donated by merchants of University Village, but other individuals and firms have also provided items. One of the most spectacular donations is a photo safari in the Masai Mara and Tree Tops game reserves in Kenya, which is being made available by Tor Allan Safaris of Nairobi.

Classic car afinionados will be offered the chance to bid on a 1931 Cadillac Towncar, appraised at $125,000, and another Cadillac, a 1937 convertible with rumble seat, valued at $35,000.

Not all of the items, however, are quite so exotic. A hindquarter of beef, a newly published set of the classics of American literature, and watercolors and photographs from leading local artists will also be offered.

Guests at **The Classic Party** will be treated to an array of fine wines and hors d'oeuvres and to music programmed by the staff of KXPR-FM.

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Between the Covers
Book Reviews

Annie on my Mind

ANNIE ON MY MIND by Nancy Garden, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, 1982, 234 pages, $10.95 hardback.

Reviewed by Joyce Bright

ANNIE ON MY MIND is quite frankly the best lesbian story I have read in years. It is the equivalent of **Patience and Sarah**. It is written for a young audience in simple straightforward prose that enhances the dramatic development of the narrative tale. The lack of irony, such an integral part of adult fiction, adds to the sweetness of the story.

Liza Winthrop, a senior in a private New York school and president of the student council, meets Annie Kenyon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "Then a funny thing happened. We looked at each other, really looked, I mean, for the first time, and for a moment or two I don't think I could have told anyone my name, let alone where I was."

They become friends, meeting after school or on weekends. They play together, speaking in the baroque style of King Authur's Court, curtsying to each other, jousting on imaginary horses. The innocence of the game parallels the innocence of their developing romance. They court each other totally unaware of what they are doing.

Throughout the romance they attend school each surrounded by a supporting cast of teachers and family. The circumstances that develop ring refreshingly true to high school life. The public school life is contrasted nicely with life in a private school where the drug dealings in the one clash with the moral high-mindedness in the other. The two girls discover in each other a part of life that neither has seen before.

They discover how much their love for each other threatens other people. Two teachers who teach at Liza's school go on spring vacation, leaving Liza to babysit their cat and home. At last the two girls have time to be alone in private. But their relationship is uncovered, and it is only after Liza starts her first year at M.I.T. that she realizes how wrong it was to deny her love for Annie.

I wish this book had been available to me when I was in high school. I am pleased that I had the opportunity to read it now. This is a story that truly warms the heart! ■

The Nuclear Freeze Campaign . . . What's In It For You?

by Mark Vandervelden

". . . Because everything we do and everything we are is in jeopardy, and because the peril is immediate and unremitting, every person is the right person to act and every moment is the right moment to begin, starting with the present moment . . . Life is the point."
—Jonathan Schell
On The Fate Of The Earth

Proposition 12, if approved by voters November 2, calls for the Governor to transmit to the President and the Congress a message calling for a bilateral, mutually verifiable nuclear weapons freeze. If accepted by the superpowers, the freeze would stop the further testing, production, and deployment of all nuclear weapons and delivery systems including those in the planning stages.

Illa Collin addresses Freeze supporters at Campaign Kickoff Breakfast.

Photo by Kathy Eldridge

Until very recently, nuclear war was like the weather — something everyone talked about, but no one ever did anything about. No longer. The temptation to deny the reality of surrendering ourselves to absolute and eternal darkness is rapidly giving way to a new politics of hope. The risk of extinction, the knowledge that no generation before ours has ever held the life or death of the planet in its hands is coming into sharper political focus. One consequence of this "coming out" for peace is the California Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign.

What stake does the gay community have in the Freeze movement? On its face there wouldn't appear to be any direct link between the aspirations of lesbian and gay people and the effort to slow the arms race. But, in fact, the threat of self-destruction and planetary destruction has become so real that the prevention of extinction has become the human rights issue of our time. Most of us, at one time or another, have experienced the self-denial, fear, and helplessness that accompany the first glimpses of our true sexual feelings. Coming out, confronting the fear and helplessness is usually the first step towards leading a healthy homosexual life. Similarly, efforts like the Freeze campaign represent a "coming out" for those who feel the terror of nuclear war. It's a first step in acknowledging a reality in our lives, a reality that threatens not only our human rights as gay people, but our rights as a species to preserve the sum total of human history, the integrity of our planet, and the meaning of the gift of life itself.

If you want to get involved, the Sacramento Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign wants you! The grassroots effort is aimed at educating voters and building local support for Proposition 12. The coalition backing Proposition 12 is broadbased, including many local elected officials, community groups, and concerned individuals. For more information on how you can help slow the escalating arms race contact: Sacramento Nuclear Weapons Freeze Headquarters, Michael Keese, Campaign Manager, 2021 N St. Suite E, Sacramento, CA 95814. Ph. 442-2010. ■

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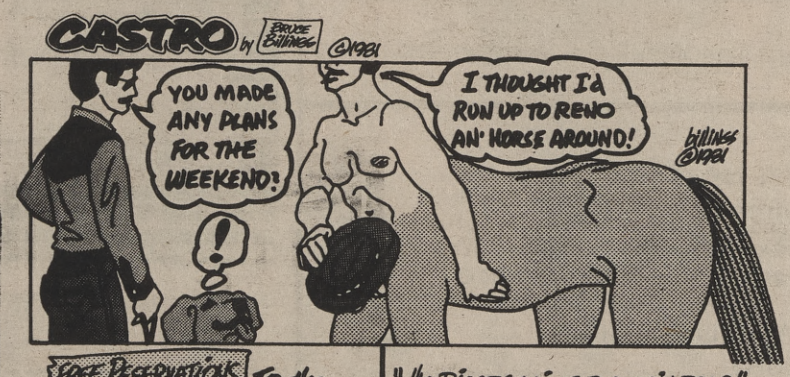

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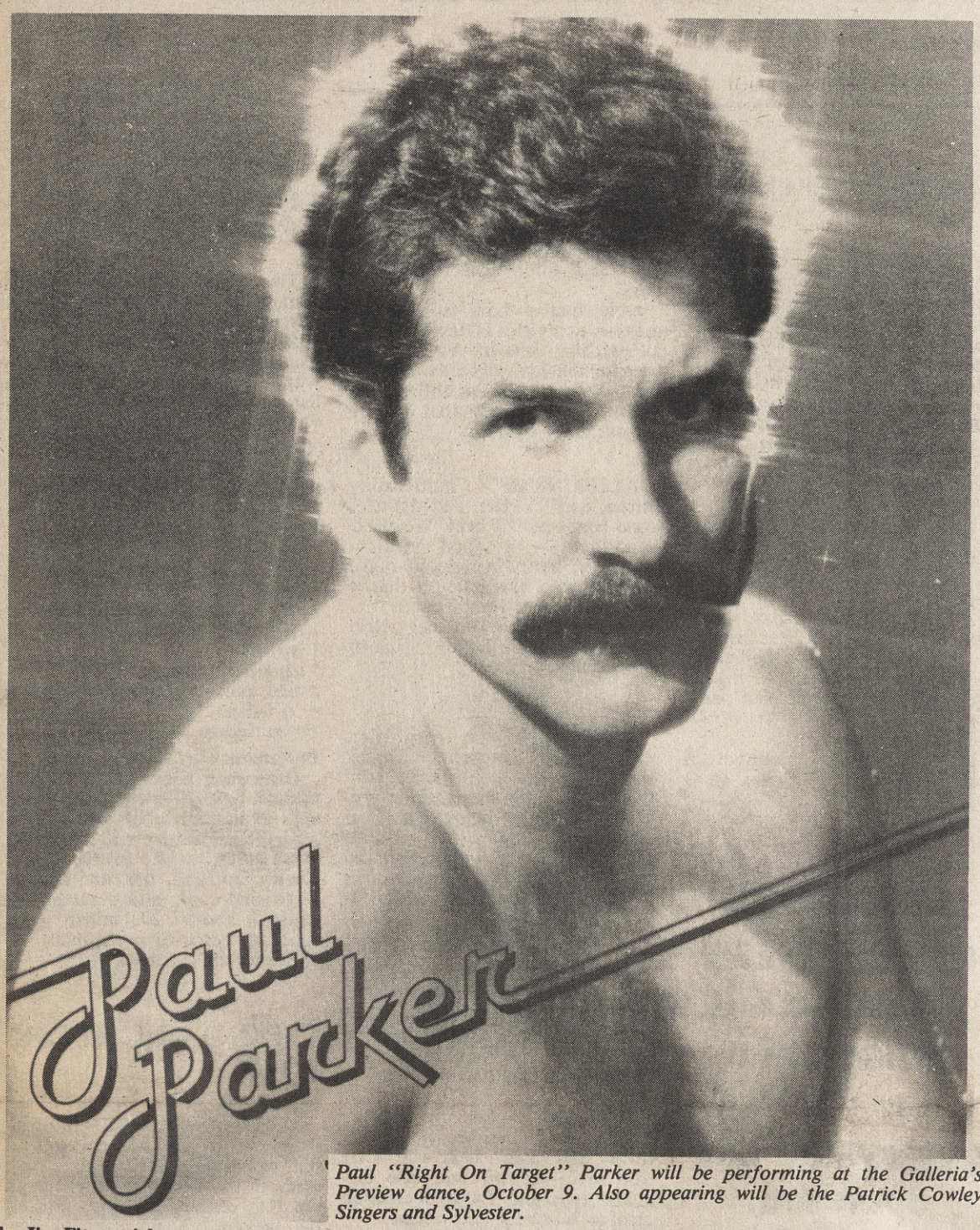
Record Reviews

Branigan Delivers and Promises More



Paul "Right On Target" Parker will be performing at the Galleria's Preview dance, October 9. Also appearing will be the Patrick Cowley Singers and Sylvester.

by Jim Fitzpatrick

One of this past summer's most pleasant surprises was Laura Branigan's infectious dance hit "Gloria." An irresistible blend of Donna Summer and Pat Benatar, the song is simply one of the year's best pop singles. Not to be overlooked is the album, **Branigan.**

Laura Branigan's refreshing music encompasses the best of Benatar, Linda Ronstadt and Christine McVie on the fast songs; Jane Olivor, Juice Newton and Roseanne Cash on the slow ones. Yet, while the influences are many and obvious, Branigan manages to weave them all into one tight, distinct sound. And her first album is a record sprinkled liberally with pop music gems.

"Living a Lie," is musically a "Gloria" soundalike. And as in "Gloria," Branigan plays the role of a third person observing the personal, emotional conflicts of the central character's involvement in a relationship and questioning the psychological torment the character is putting himself through.

Another irresistible rocker, "Please Stay, Go Away," takes a similar theme and adapts it to the vocalist. The title itself hints at the dilemma of confused, uncertain love. And Branigan's driving, enthusiastic vocals make us feel and believe her when she sings, "I'm chained to your heart but I can't find the key...so show me the way home, I'm too blind to see." While this may seem somewhat melancholy, it's really a sort of celebration. While there are many uncertainties in the relationship, there's also joy; a glimmer of hope that things will work out, and worrying is a form of pleasure in itself.

But Branigan is most hard-hitting in the stunning "Lovin' You Baby," a beautiful, romantic confession of weakness in her relationship. Sung with heart-rending honesty, Branigan contemplates her affair with a man who "never fails to tell me what I haven't got," and who doesn't give a damn about the relationship. Yet when she considers the possibility of her lover's departure, she wonders "Where would I be? How could I live? Where would I go and what would I give? What can I say? How do I stand? Where do I go if there's no more lovin' you baby?

Branigan is a remarkable debut album. Alternatingly danceable and quietly reflective, it offers something for everyone. Watch out for this woman. "Gloria" is only a beginning.

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Pop music's single most devastating commentary on and of America's below middle class society is "The Message," a 7-minute rap song by Grand Master Flash and the Furious Five. Backed by an insistent, driving, inescapable beat, Flash gives a stark, frightening and deadly accurate portrait of ghetto life. There's the muggers, rapists, murderers, creeps. There's the bag lady: "Crazy lady livin in a bag/ eatin' out of garbage pails/used to be a fag hag." And there's the daily routine: "Bill collectors, they ring my phone/and scare my wife when I'm not home/Got a bum education/double digit inflation/ Can't take the train to the job/ there's a strike at the station."

As he narrates, Flash's voice is at first calm, perhaps a bit detached from the reality he is so chillingly recounting; he is, initially, a quiet observer, not unlike a news reporter. But as he gets deeper into the story, he becomes involved in the horror. "They pushed that girl in from off the train/took her to the doctor, sewed her arm on again." And in the climactic story of a child "born with no state of mind/blind to the ways of mankind," Flash follows the child through adolescence when he drops out of school, to his eventual 8-year criminal conviction and death. "You was found hung dead in the cell/It was plain to see/that your life was lost/ You was cold and your body swung back and forth/But now your eyes sing the sad, sad song/ about how you lived so fast and died so young." Then, Flash's summation: "Don't push me, cause I'm close to the edge..."

The "what do you call a Valley Girl's brother" or "what is the worst record of the year" department: if "Castro Boy" is your answer to either question, you're right. The predictable follow-up to Moon Zappa's "Valley Girl," "Castro Boy" is a disco version of the Zappa original with variations. As could be expected, the song by Danny Boy and the Various Party Gods captures none of the spontaneity that made "Valley Girl" so marvelous. It does have some high points, however, with lines like "Down the Castro, there he goes. He just bought some fancy clothes. Hanky on the left and keys on the right. He is such a manly sight."

****FOR THE RECORD****
TOP FIVE

1. "The Message," Grand Master Flash & The Furious Five (Sugar Hill 12-inch)
2. "I Love a Man in a Uniform," Gang of Four (Warner Bros. 12-inch remix)
3. "Can He Fine Another One?", Double Discovery (Polydor 12-inch)
4. "He Could Be the One," Josie Cotton (Elektra)
5. "Temptation," New Order (Factory 12-inch import) ■

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The Closet Gourmet

Pots, Pans, and Fall Yums

by Robert D. Salgado

POTS AND PANS

When choosing a set of pots and pans, you should exercise the same care and time as you would if you were picking out sheets for your bed. Choosing cookware by appearance only can be misleading when you stop to consider the many different types of materials your set could be constructed from. Here are some tips to help thread through the cookware maze a little quicker:

- Remember to make your purchase suit your purpose.
- Buy the correct size pot for the right job.
- Look for the correct weight pot. A light pan will heat fast and is especially good for boiling or blanching vegetables. A heavier pan will heat slower and more evenly and is very effective for simmering or stewing.
- Balance is also important. A pot should not tip when left to sit empty.
- Check for heat resistant handles. Some brands have dual purpose handles, the stay-on-top-of-the-stove kind and the remove easily for oven use.
- Check for a tight fit with all lids.
- No matter how tempting it may be, don't give in and purchase a matching set of P&P's just because the hue perfectly compliments your Dutch tiles above your butcher block. Rarely does one set fit your every need.

ALUMINUM - moderately priced, easy to clean and durable, good conductor of heat. Weight is important — a good medium guage is best. The long range problem with aluminum is that it tends to discolor certain foods, i.e. foods cooked with wine, egg yolks, vinegar or lemon. Simply switch to another pot.

COPPER - very expensive, excellent heat conductor. Copper should be heavy (at least 1/8" thick) with a thin lining. After prolonged use, the lining will wear through. It should be retinned right away. If not, a toxic chemical reaction may occur if food comes in contact. I prefer copper cookwear.

STAINLESS STEEL - expensive, easy to clean and durable if thick. Most pans have a layer of copper or cast aluminum to help conduct heat. Layer must be at least 1/8" thick. Check manufacturer's tag.

CAST IRON - heavy to handle, durable and inexpensive. Heats slowly and retains heat well. Cast iron tends to rust and also discolors eggs and foods containing acid, such as wine and vinegar.

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Have you noticed a slight chill in the air lately? Does this cold chill make you want to have a nice bowl of soup for lunch? How about good stew with hot rolls or French bread for dinner?

LENTIL AND VEGETABLE STEW

This ancient middle eastern soup (sometimes identified with Esau's pottage of the Bible) may be made with red, green, yellow or brown lentils and is traditionally served with fried onion and shredded lettuce dressed lightly with oil and vinegar.

Yield: 4 to 5 servings
1 Tbsp finely snipped parsley
3 cups water
8 oz. dried lentils (1¼ c.)
2 medium potatoes, cut in 1" cubes
1 med. onion, chopped
1 stalk of celery, chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 tsp instant beef bouillon
1 tsp salt
1 tsp ground cumin
2 med. zucchini, cut into ½" slices
lemon wedges

Procedure:
Heat water and lentils to boiling in dutch oven. Reduce heat, cover and cook until lentils are almost tender, approximately 30 mins. Stir in potatoes, onion, celery, garlic, parsley, bouillon, salt, and cumin. Cover and cook until potatoes are tender, about 20 mins. Add zucchini, cook 20 more mins. or until zucchini is tender.

CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP

Knights of old probably warmed themselves by eating large bowls of this wonderful cheese soup. First made in the village of Cheddar in the 16th century, this was one of the recipes brought over by the early settlers to the New World and Canada. It's still popular in Britain, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

Yield: 4 servings.
1 small onion
1 med. stalk celery, thinly sliced
2 Tbsp butter
2 Tbsp flour
¼ tsp pepper
¼ tsp dry mustard
1 can (10 oz.) condensed chicken broth
1 c. milk
2 c. shredded cheddar cheese (8oz)
sprinkling of paprika

Cover and simmer onion and celery in butter in a 2 qt. saucepan until tender (5 min.). Stir in flour, pepper, and mustard. Add chicken broth and milk. Heat to boiling over med. heat, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 min. Stir in cheese, stir occasionally just until cheese is melted. Sprinkle with paprika.

I like to serve chunks of French bread along side of soup. ENJOY! ■

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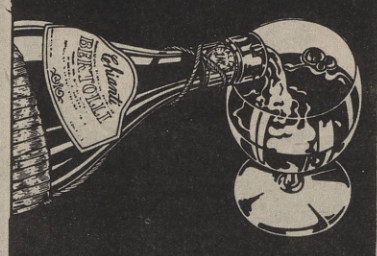

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Sexuality, Science, and Society

Compulsive Heterosexuality: Disease or Way of Life?

by Greg Herek

With each passing day, more people are becoming aware of the problem of compulsive heterosexuality. In the interest of clearing up some popular misconceptions, I'd like to answer some frequently-raised questions about this social issue.

What is compulsive Heterosexuality?

Compulsive heterosexuality is a type of sexual orientation in which an individual is attracted exclusively to members of the opposite sex. Men who are compulsively heterosexual are able to experience erotic feelings only with women; compulsively heterosexual women are the same way with men.

What causes it?

We don't really know what causes compulsive heterosexuality, any more than we understand the roots of other sexual orientations. Several explanations have been proposed, but none has been proven correct.

What are some of the explanations?

Psychoanalysts believe that compulsive heterosexuals repressed their natural bisexual feelings in the course of resolving the oedipal crisis. Behaviorists maintain that compulsive heterosexuals always have been rewarded for being that way, and perhaps were punished when they exhibited non-heterosexual tendencies. Social learning theorists point to the absence of non-heterosexual role models. Sociologists stress the importance of labels — once a person is labeled "a heterosexual," she or he acts accordingly.

What about biological factors?

Many studies have look for genetic and hormonal differences between admitted heterosexuals and others. The results have been contradictory and inconclusive.

Were compulsive heterosexuals seduced at an early age by an older heterosexual?

Although it is true for some, the seduction theory doesn't hold up. Most compulsive heterosexuals had their first heterosexual experience with someone roughly their same age.

Are compulsive heterosexuals really afraid of members of their same sex because of a bad homosexual experience?

Probably a minority of compulsive heterosexuals have had negative homoerotic experiences. For this small group, a good lesbian or gay lover might help them to discover their repressed homosexuality. For most, however, fear of same-sex intimacy is fostered more by society than by personal experience. Compulsively heterosexual men seem to be particularly susceptible to societal pressures in this regard.

Aren't most child molesters heterosexual?

Yes, but this does not mean that all compulsive heterosexuals are child molesters. Many have no sexual interest whatsoever in young people, and are good parents and teachers.

But don't those parents and teachers indoctrinate young people into becoming like them?

Unfortunately, this often is the case. Most children are presented with no alternative to heterosexuality. In spite of this, many are sufficiently resilient to explore alternative sexual orientations — as attested to be the many lesbians, gays, and bisexuals who were raised in exclusively heterosexual environments.

Why do compulsive Heterosexuals have so much difficulty maintaining lasting relationships?

In spite of the tremendous societal support heterosexual marriage receives, divorce rates are skyrocketing. This does not mean that compulsive heterosexuality precludes stable relationships. Perhaps monogamy simply doesn't work for most people in today's society. At any rate, it is important to note that many compulsive heterosexual relationships last for years and appear to be happy.

Why do compulsive heterosexuals flaunt their sexuality?

Many heterosexuals hold hands, kiss, or otherwise show affection for their partners in public. The mass media seem to focus on these displays. Many people would prefer not to see such behaviors at all, but that seems rather unfair. After all, compulsive heterosexuals need to express their feelings like everyone else, and they should be tolerated as long as they refrain from overt sexual activity in public (which most of them do).

Can compulsive heterosexuality be cured?

Therapists are having limited success with changing sexual orientation. There are serious ethical issues involved in such treatment, however, Most therapists now try to help compulsive heterosexuals to accept their orientation and to be happy in spite of their limitations.

What should I do if I learn that one of my friends is a compulsive heterosexual?

Get in touch with your own feelings about heterosexuality. Be honest with your friend. Ask questions — it shows that you care. Try to be supportive as much as possible. And remember: she or he is still the same human being in spite of her or his sexual orientation. ■

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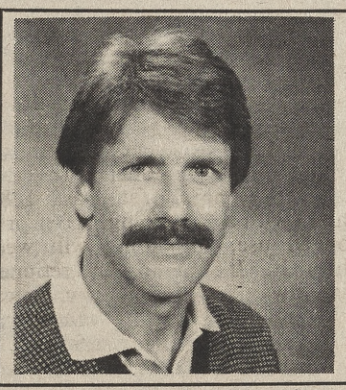

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Mary Mary - Quite Unwary, What Does Your Vagina Grow?

by Harvey Thompson, M.D.

The vagina has always frightened me. It seems like the absence of something, although feminists will turn this around to men being incomplete as we have only one X chromosome compared to their two.

One of the ways to overcome a fear is to confront it. At the suggestion of a lesbian health worker, several mornings were spent at a Planned Parenthood clinic, an unlikely place for a gay male physician.

The women at Planned Parenthood take great pride in their work on the female vagina (is there any other kind?). They probably know more about the subtle hues and odors of the female vagina than the sum total of all the gay male physicians in BAPHR (or the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights).

LESBIAN VD: In general, lesbians have less venereal diseases than straights of either sex. Of course, none of these categories touch (or want to) the promiscuous gay male who is the leader in VD incidence.

Lesbians have fewer partners, shorter urethras and no long appendages to stick into various orifices such as the rectum which is a prime reservoir of infection for the gay male.

The VD of lesbians is 'Vaginal Disease.' Normally, this cavity is a microcosm of carefully balanced living things. When this equilibrium of organisms is upset, there can be burning, itching, inflammation, an odor or a discharge. In fact, over half of women will get a vaginitis at least once during their lifetime.

CAUSES: There are four major vaginal infections: Candida or yeast, Viral or herpes, Nonspecific bacteria and Trichomonas.

Herpes is a whole topic of its own and primarily a 'straight' disease without good treatment, so this discussion is confined to the other 'Big Three.'

SYMPTOMS: If the itching is intense and the patient can hardly sleep, it's likely Candida or yeast infection. The vaginal lining can look like fire, swollen and irritated. Nylon undergarments can make this worse, thin cotton undergarments are best.

If there is odor without symptoms, it's probably nonspecific vaginitis. If it smells bad and causes milk symptoms of itching and burning, it's likely trichomonas.

SMELL: Nonspecific bacterial infection and trichomonas can frequently be smelled as you approach the pelvic examining table. You'll wonder if a dying fish swam inside.

On the other gloved hand, if it smells pleasantly like there's bread in her oven, it's likely candida or monilia since this is a yeast infection.

DISCHARGE: Women shouldn't douche before an exam because the discharge can give clues to the etiology. If it's cottage cheese in character, that's frequently monilio or yeast, although most of these fungal infections don't have that classic finding. If it's a bubbly and creamy discharge, it's often nonspecific bacteria such as Gardnerella vaginalis. If it's foamy and yellow-green-gray, that's Trichomona. If it's clotted and dark red, that's her period!

MICROSCOPIC: Every doc should have a microscope handy and closely inspect the discharge. More than half the time a specific diagnosis can then be made from what is seen.

Trichomonas is a pear-shaped protozoa that paddles across the field with its undulating membrane and grins at you while doing the backstroke with its 3-5 flagella. None of the other vaginal discharges shows such blatant motion except for sperm which seems unlikely in the lesbian vagina.

Candida or monilia is seen under the microscope as hyphae and spores of yeast in a special KOH solution dropped over the discharge. The potassium hydroxide digests cellular debris to reveal these yeast forms.

Lastly, nonspecific vaginitis gives you a 'clue' to its diagnosis. The CLUE cell is the designation given to the large desquamated epithelial cell covered with bacteria, giving it a typical stippled and dirty appearance.

ACIDITY: Another useful procedure is to pull out the litmus and stick it in. The normal pH of the vagina is about 4.0. It's when it gets less acid (pH above 5.0) that nonspecific bacteria such as Gardnerella vaginalis are no longer held in check and overgrow into the typical smelly discharge for this disorder.

Trichomonas too prefers a more alkaline environment and can frequently accompany the bacterial infection. Interestingly, male semen and secretions are alkaline and probably contribute to allowing trichomonas to flourish.

Candida or monilia, being yeast, prefer an acid moist environment, although less acid than the normal vaginal pH of 4.0. In fact, if the pH is less than 4.5 in the vagina most pathogens won't grow. Hence, the home remedies of vinegar and boric acid douches. Normally the vaginal acid environment of pH 4.0 is maintained by lactic acid production from Doderlein's bacillus lunching on vaginal glycogen. Antibiotics that kill off this acid-producing bacteria frequently lead to an infection by one of the 'Big Three.'

CULTURES: Cultures are mainly for gonococcus which is virtually nonexistent among lesbians. But there are special cultures gynecologists can use to recover the other agents of vaginal infection but most of the time, using the history, physical and microscope, these are unnecessary.

TREATMENT: Medications for these vaginal infections vary depending upon the patient and the doctor. At least for yeast infection, it's pretty certain that it will be a topical antifungal drug like Nystatin, miconazole or clotrimazule. Oral nystatin is a debatable treatment for recurrences as 75% of women with yeast also have it in their GI tracts.

Trichomonas is treated with that mistrusted and maligned drug flagyl. It is unpopular because of its need for an alcohol-free diet, unpleasant short-term side effects, worrisome long-term carcinogenic effects and its expense. Some of the drug's expense can be avoided if your doctor knows about the new abbreviated single-dose schedule of eight tablets all-at-once.

Nonspecific vaginitis is treated with an antibiotic, although whichever one is mentioned here would probably not be the one your doctor uses. Tetracycline, ampicillin and flagyl have all been used; lately flagyl seems to have the edge in popularity among medical treatments. Again, single dose schedules of flagyl for nonspecific vaginitis can save you money.

PARTNERS: All of these 'Big Three' infections can be acquired without human contact, heaven forbid. But there can be organisms in your orgasm, so consideration of treatment for the partner must be considered.

Treating both partners is essential with trichomonas. The other person may not have any symptoms but will reinfect the first person if not simultaneously treated.

Dual treatment is sometimes done for the other two infections; for example, straight women infected with nonspecific bacteria such as Gardnerella vaginalis had asymptomatic male sex partners with the same bacteria 80% of the time. ■

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Be Real, Be Gay

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In recent issues we have explored various aspects of a curious part of the human condition — the ability of our mind to create imagery which we tend to see as reality. This shows up as our expectations of what ought to be, desires of what we want, delusions of what is and everything from posture of the body to political campaigning. It is an ability which can be trained and used to bring about fulfillment and satisfaction. Without training, our imagination is the source of every form of up and down, in and out and polarities of every kind.

One scenario of the development of the human mind since our ancestors roamed the planet many thousands of years ago theorizes that at the beginning of our existence, we were without an inner voice to give form to or originate images. The brain identified any inner voice as that of our leader (familial, tribal or other groupings) who was instructing us on how to behave at that moment. Hence, our brain might hear "go to the field and plant corn" and we would act accordingly. Without any voice, we would engage in activities on an ad hoc basis — that which felt appropriate to the moment.

Later, we adopted the voice within as our own, and this has come to be known as the psyche or "self." As such, it is a surrogate for the exterior authority and becomes endowed with all the attributes of that kind of person. Its voice is listened to as a source of valid information and management — in other words, the voice defines that part of reality dealing with interaction among people. If we have no desire to relate to others, we can ignore all exterior voices and relate only to immediate stimulation. In our early stage, this took the form of ignoring the exterior voice of our leader. When done regularly enough, the result would usually be death. Today, to ignore the voice results in "mental disease" that results in such things as schizophrenic or catatonic behavior.

One of the difficulties with the ability to imagine is that it is never completely accurate in portraying the world as it is. This is a problem because the mind tends to demand that the imagined form be the real one. The fact that it at least sometimes is not results in the mind finding reasons for the difference. Since to admit that the difference is merely a creation of our "self" would reveal the nature of the game we play with our mind, we often look instead outside ourselves for the reason. That is how we come to blame others for our behavior. It is also the source of such phenomena as political activity.

If we believe that the outside world is the cause of our situation, logically we will want to affect that world so as to bring about what we want reality to be. We dress in a certain way, stand in a posture we hope will bring about the desired result, and we will spend much of our time planning and acting on the world around us to change reality to imagined reality. Politics is merely one of these activities. That it has now become all image and no substance is significant.

Current politics amounts to candidates spending enormous sums of money to convince us that an image of the candidate is the reality of the persons. We have all come to know that this isn't true so that there is now a cynical reaction among the public to all political campaigns.

Media advisors tell us that the public responds to certain phrases, "buss" words and images in predictable ways. Advertisers of every sort try to use these images to their advantage. Despite the fact that most of the public correctly sees this as a process that produces false and misleading information, the image-makers have learned how to manipulate behavior merely by using the right images.

To a substantial extent, our culture in particular and civilization in general is a reality built from imagery. There are now several "gay" images available to mimic; from the Castro clone to the GQ professional, from super butch to nelly queen. Many who first try on a costume find that they have to learn how to behave in a way to fit the image. The desire to win someone's approval leads us to put on the carefully faded 501's, adjust the basket for maximum advantage, and find just the right spot to stand at the "right" bar. Success is measured by the reactions of people who we see as attractive, i.e., fit the image we would like ourselves to be. The image maker inside ourselves finds happiness in seeing its own image. The problem for many of us is that in the process very few of our real needs are met and we continue to search for a better solution.

As long as we view the images of our mind as reality, we are limited to the possibilities of those images and cannot use the reality around us for our own benefit. If we are convinced that happiness is found through a certain form of dress and behavior, we will continue to work at perfecting this code of conduct rather than realize that it hasn't worked yet. Rats will change tunnels in a maze if cheese is not found after a few tries. Humans, undaunted by reality, form political parties instead. Rather than offering the tenderness and sensitivity that we are gifted with, we offer an image of what we think we should be like — a formula person who is programmed to smile in just such a way, walk, stand, sit just so. To turn us on. To make us buy. To get our vote.

We as gay people have let images define our reality. And to a large extent, these are images developed not by ourselves but by people in conflict with our sexuality. The result is that most of the standard gay images are negative and when adopted by us result in our personal misery. And the "cure" for all of this is not to be anti-image. The way to the "cheese" of life is to be aware that there are several tunnels out there, and it is not possible to know which one will bear fruit until you find out. Our voice may say that cheese will be found by wearing the right costume, but that doesn't make it so. If given the chance, that voice will say almost anything. The challenge is not to satisfy the voice but to have fun with it and not take it seriously. Play with images rather than work on them. Take it all with a grain of salt. Be gay. ■

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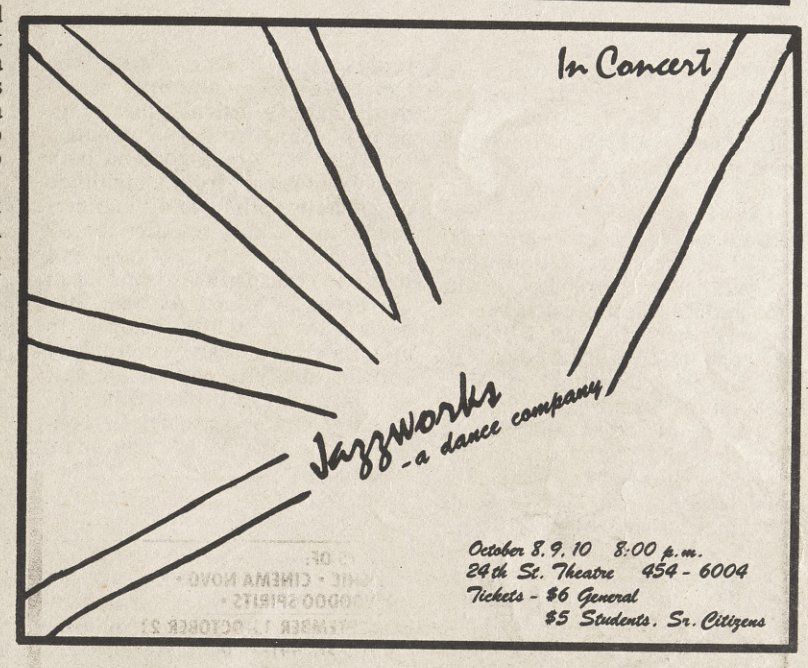

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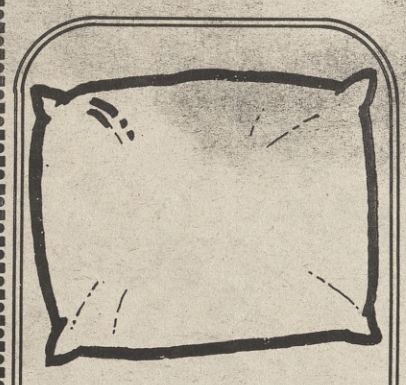

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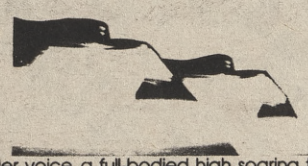

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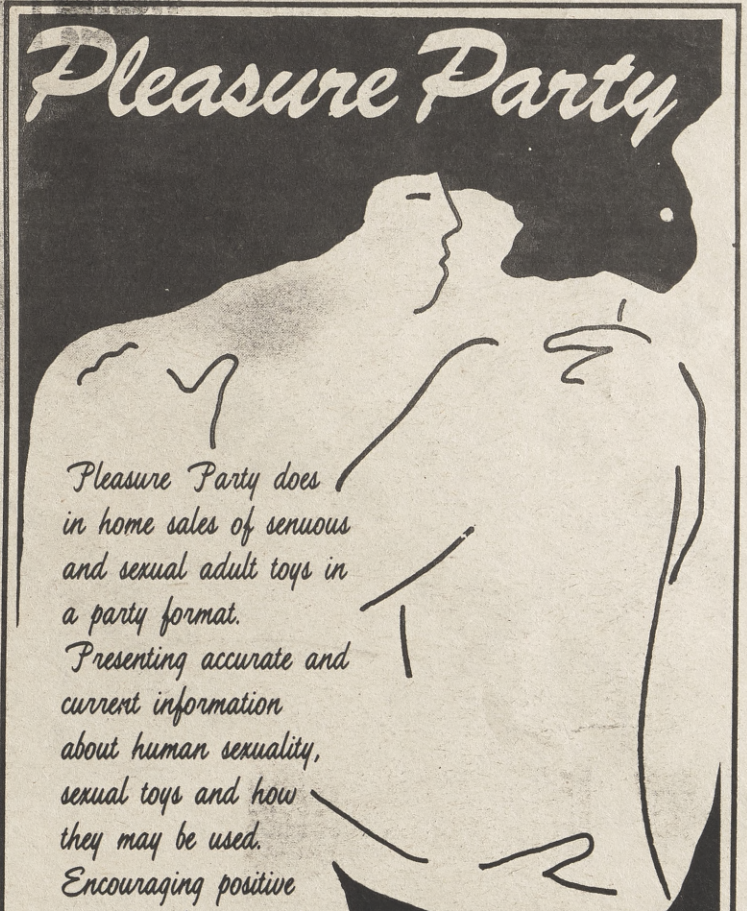

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Astrological Research: The Giant Leap

by Max Moon

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Aside from the workshops and lectures, a number of computer companies and services also were represented. Due to the tremendous amount of mathematical calculations connected with astrology, computers have proven to be a godsend both in saving the eyes from a multitude of minute print and numbers found in various resource books and a time saver from tedious and tiresome calculations which can last up to 24 hours. As well, they have allowed the astrologer to attain a greater degree of accuracy and the ability to accumulate vast amounts of data with which to quickly locate astrological constants necessary in legitimate research.

It was the work "research" that marked this convention as the turning point in astrological direction. At the business meeting (given at the beginning of each convention), it was announced by the Board of Directors that the two recently hired full-time statisticians had completed the groundwork and establishment of the first legitimate scientific research branch of the A.F.A. Also, it was announced that two complete scholarships were being made available to two individuals interested in pursuing a formal education based on research and statistics in order to be trained for the further advancement of the research branch. It is in the interest of the members of this branch to begin the task of methodically and meticulously editing extraneous and erroneous material in astrological contect and to evaluate it to contemporary accredited scientific standards: a massive task, to say the very least.

I witnessed a few tears from a handful of members who have been with the A.F.A. throughout its 44 years history that has been dedicated to transforming astrology from the heavily curtained back rooms to research headquarters and computer banks. And so it goes with this 22nd A.F.A. convention as astrology, the mother of science (think about it), takes a giant leap in the ascension to legitimate recognition.

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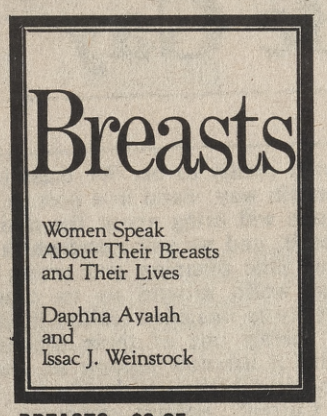

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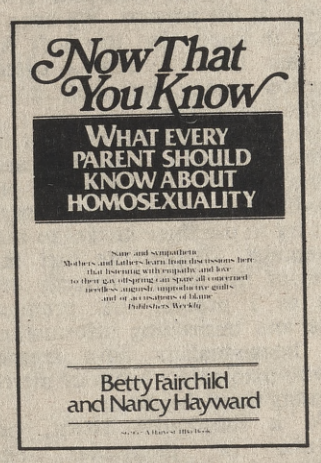

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